


REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application. Claims 1-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Derderian. Applicant requests reconsideration. Derderian (U. S. Patent No. 6,420, 230) issued on July 16, 2002 and thus qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). The subject matter of Derderian and the claimed inventions were, at the time the inventions were made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Micron Technology, Inc. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(c), Derderian shall not preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. 103. At least for such reason, Applicant asserts that claims 1-53 are patentable over Derderian and request allowance of such claims in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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